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Amendments to the Claims:

Status of Claims:

Claims _____1-30_____ are pending for examination.

Claims _1-22, 27, 30_ are canceled herein as non-elected claims.

Claims _31 and 32_ are newly added.

Claims _23, 26, 28_ are in independent form.

Claims _23-26, 28-29, 31-32_ remain pending after the amendment.

1. – 22.   (Cancelled)

23. (Original)   A system, comprising:

a first logic configured to produce a Web services project metaplan; and

a second logic operably connected to the first logic, the second logic configured
to produce a Web services project plan from the Web services project
metaplan.

24. (Original)   The system of claim 23, where the first logic is configured to
produce the Web services project metaplan by establishing one or more sets of criteria
that facilitate planning a Web services project.

25. (Original)   The system of claim 24, where the second logic is configured to
produce the Web services project plan by providing one or more values for one or more
members of the one or more sets of criteria.

26. (Original)   A system, comprising:

means for producing a Web services project metaplan;

means for producing a Web services project plan from the Web services project
metaplan; and

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          means for refining the Web services project plan based on feedback data
               acquired from testing one or more portions of a Web services project built
               according to the Web services project plan.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original)   A method, comprising:
          establishing one or more sets of criteria for characterizing a Web services
               project; and
          producing a Web services project metaplan from one or more elements of the
               one or more sets of criteria.

29. (Original)   The method of claim 28, comprising:
          producing a Web services project plan from the Web services project metaplan.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The method of claim 28, where the establishing one or more sets of criteria comprises:
          establishing a first set of criteria for calculating a Web services project return on
               investment;
          establishing a second set of criteria for identifying an existing reusable software
               component;
          establishing a third set of criteria for identifying how to expose an existing
               software asset via a Web service;
          establishing a fourth set of criteria for determining whether to include a Web
               service in a Web services project;
          establishing a fifth set of criteria for determining whether to employ a Web
               services supporting technology;
          establishing a sixth set of criteria for identifying a Web services development
               team;

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establishing a seventh set of criteria for identifying one or more of, a project collaboration partner, and how to collaborate with a project collaboration partner; and

selectively organizing one or more members of the first through seventh sets of criteria to produce the Web services project metaplan.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

developing a strategy for developing the Web services project that includes one or more Web service components;

programming a Web service component of the Web services project based on the strategy;

testing the Web service component;

calculating the effect of the Web service component on a return on investment for the Web services project; and

selectively updating the strategy based on the effect of the Web service component on the return on investment.

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